

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 11, 2016

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SENATE BILL

No. 1242

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 18.5 of the Penal Code, relating to sentencing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1242, as amended, Lara. Sentencing: misdemeanors.

Existing law provides that every offense punishable by imprisonment in a county jail up to or not exceeding one year is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 364 days.

This bill would make that provision retroactive, whether or not the case was final ~~on the effective date of that provision~~. *January 1, 2015*. The bill would also authorize a person who was sentenced to a term of one year prior to ~~the effective date of that provision~~ *January 1, 2015*, ~~to file a motion~~ *submit an application* before the trial court that entered the judgment of conviction in the case to have the term of the sentence modified to the maximum term of 364 days.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

1 18.5. (a) Every offense which is prescribed by any law of the
2 state to be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail up to or
3 not exceeding one year shall be punishable by imprisonment in a
4 county jail for a period not to exceed 364 days. This section shall
5 apply retroactively, whether or not the case was final as of the date
6 ~~this section became effective.~~ *January 1, 2015.*

7 (b) A person who was sentenced to a term of one year in county
8 jail prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ *January 1, 2015*, may
9 ~~file a motion~~ *submit an application* before the trial court that
10 entered the judgment of conviction in the case to have the term of
11 the sentence modified to the maximum term specified in
12 subdivision (a).